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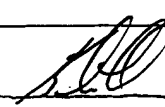
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In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002, entry of the accompanying amendment  
to the claims as shown on the attached Version With Changes to Show Markings and Replacement  
Sheet is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6 and 9 are amended.

Please cancel claim 13.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 20, 2002 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 6, 9 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being